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Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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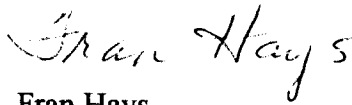
To Whom It May Concern:

In reference to SCE&G's request for a rate increase, Docket No. 2009-489-E, I direct your attention to the fact that the company is requesting a nearly 10% rate increase during an economic recession. Further, this company has already obtained a 4.4% rate increase in 2008 and a 2.5% rate increase annually for the next ten years.

Despite personal attempts to use electricity wisely, i.e. fluorescent bulbs in all fixtures, unplugging lamps and appliances when not in use, turning down the thermostat this winter, my bills have continued to increase. I believe I and other customers cannot continue to bear these rate increases.

Please deny the most recent request for a rate increase from SCE&G.

Sincerely,


Fran Hays